

Director's Report – January 15, 2025

Staff – Spencer resigned in December. Becky will be collecting resumes in February to fill the position. We are looking for someone willing to work every Tuesday night and at least one Saturday a month. This would include being available to fill in for vacations and illnesses.

Programming – ETTY Bruer will be holding 2 art classes in January. She will also be teaching a heart craft class in February. Jae has cancelled her Pre-K STEAM courses due to lack of attendance. We tried reformatting the program and also offering it at a time that patrons suggested. Still few or no attended. That program is being replaced by the return of our kid art workshops. The target age is 5-12 years of age, and they will be doing a simplified version of the adult art courses.

Marty Borko held his second lecture in his series which unfortunately was not well attended. It was bitter cold that evening as well. Our harpist in December had a decent turnout, and those in attendance loved him. We would like to have him return again in 2025.

Becky would like to hold another book sale in March – May timeframe.

Reading Programs – Winter Reading is happening now! No issues this fall with children getting only one book. We were still facing issues over the summer with families thinking they would earn multiple. That has been resolved with positive feedback.

Materials – Becky ordered January's materials. We are looking at replacing the two office chairs at the circulation desk for Jess and Jae. Shipping through our regular vendors was extreme. Looking into alternative sources. Becky will be ordering Jae's watercolor supplies which will be expensive. These supplies are covered through the Southern Tier Art Grant Jae wrote last year.

The United Universalist Church has approached Becky regarding a continuing donation to supply our public restroom with hygiene products. They donated \$200.00 which is being used to purchase period products and incontinence products. When the library runs low, they will make another donation.

Maintenance – We have several lights that need to be replaced.

Grants – Becky decided against the Tioga Downs Grant for 2024. It will be readdressed for upcoming years. Becky submitted the request for \$4000 to the Village of Waverly in January. Becky will be working on the Rosen Grant for 2025 summer reading.

Other – Wi-Fi issue with Elizabeth Square was directed to Eric Franks, our IT from Finger Lakes. Eric came to the library the end of 2024 and took a tour through the apartment building with their maintenance person, Scott. Becky attended as well. Scott insisted the issue was our equipment. Eric was able to prove that the signal was not reaching as far as the apartments were claiming. Multiple factors in working into the struggle on residents being unable to connect to Wi-Fi. Basically there are too many routers in a small area and their signals are competing with each other.

The library received the first portion from the Mayberry Trust of \$140,000.00

Presented by Rebecca Grace, Acting Library Director

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